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impressions of Uruguay, based on a summer's residence in Montevideo, are also included in the book.

Cuba. Old and New.— **A. J. Robinson.** London: Longmans, Green & Co. 1916. Pp. xiv., 236. *Illustrations.* 7s. 6d. net.

Several chapters deal with Columbus and the discovery of Cuba, the relations of Cuba with the United States, and its revolutions and independence. Chapter XI. gives an interesting account of the "filibusters" who resembled the "blockade runners" of the Civil War. There is a good general description of the country, though, unfortunately, no map has been included.

A useful chapter gives a detailed account of the sugar industry and there is in addition a summary of various products and industries which has been brought carefully up to date.

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The Life of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.— **Beckles Willson.** London: Cassell & Co. 1915. Pp. xvii., 632. *Illustrations.* 25s. net.

In this volume Mr. Beckles Willson has raised a noble monument to the late Lord Strathcona. It is not a critical biography, but is valuable for the very full information it contains, not only about Lord Strathcona's later years, when he was associated with the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway and other events with which his name will be handed down to history, but about his early days in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Lord Strathcona was so long and so widely known to fame that some even of his contemporaries are apt to forget how large a proportion of his life was passed in the employment of that great corporation. He was, in fact, nearly fifty years of age before he began to figure prominently in the public eye, and his subsequent career extended over nearly as long a period. Mr. Willson has had access to hitherto unpublished material, and is able to throw new light on several aspects of a career which must always be of interest to Canadians and to all students of the growth of modern Canada. That Lord Strathcona was not wholly immersed in business concerns, even when as plain Donald Smith he was working in Labrador for the Hudson's Bay Company, is shown by what Sir Leopold McClintock wrote of him in 1860. When Sir Leopold visited North-West River, Labrador, during the survey expedition which he carried out for the North Telegraph Route, he called on the Chief Factor, and has left it on record that in the evening after dinner Mr. Smith gave the party a most enjoyable description of the country, "showing a most intimate knowledge of the geology, its fauna and flora, and the native population. For a man situated off the beaten track, as he is, he displayed a surprising familiarity with current events."

Surveying and Field Work: A Practical Text-book on Surveying, Levelling, and Setting-out. London: Constable & Co., Ltd. 1915. 7s. 6d. net.

The survey methods described in this book are those of the Cadastral Survey, and suitable for the compilation of large-scale plans of comparatively small areas. Astronomical determination of position and plane-tableing are expressly excluded by the author, and the book is therefore of little use to those engaged in geographical or exploratory work. For detailed site-plans and similar work the methods dealt with, which are fully and clearly described, would however be useful.

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